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It is on to St. Paul, Minn., for Lawrence University senior Ian Koziara.



**Senior Ian Kozaira was among five winners at the recent
Wisconsin District Metropolitan Opera National Council
Auditions.**

The voice performance major from Itasca, Ill., was one of five singers from the recent Wisconsin district selected by judges to advance to the second round of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

A tenor, Koziara next competes at the Upper Midwest Region auditions Feb. 1, 2014 in St. Paul for the opportunity to sing in New York City for the Met's national semifinals.

Koziara was among 36 singers from throughout the Midwest who competed in the 52nd edition of the annual district auditions Oct. 19 at the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield. A student in the Lawrence Conservatory of Music voice studio of Teresa Seidl, Koziara received \$2,000 as a district winner.

Justin Berkowitz, a 2011 Lawrence graduate, also competed in the Wisconsin District Met auditions and was awarded a \$500 Appreciation Award by the judges.

The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions are designed to discover promising young opera singers and assist in the development of their careers. The auditions are held annually in 13 regions of the United States and Canada. There are 40 districts within these regions, providing opportunities for singers to enter the auditions at the local level.